

News Briefs

Commissary announcements

The commissary’s new hours of operation are as follows: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday; and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. In appreciation of its patrons, the commissary will celebrate Customer Awareness Month with weekly drawings for a \$100 shopping spree every Saturday throughout June. For more information, call store director Paula Lewis at Ext. 7109.

Dental sick call

Effective June 1, dental clinic sick call hours will be at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and at 7:30 a.m. and noon Thursday. For more information, call 2250.

Garage sales

On-base garage sales are only permitted the first Saturday of every month. Advertisements for sales are limited to yard signs or ads in the base paper only. Signs must be no larger than 2 feet by 2 feet. Displaying signs on utility poles and street signs in prohibited. Advertising yard sales in the local media, excluding the base newspaper, is also prohibited. People may locally advertise individual items for sale, such as automobiles, boats, washers, dryers or refrigerators. Columbus AFB housing areas are located on a federal installation and the civilian public may only enter a military installation on official business, open house functions or social visitations. Yard and carport sales do not fall within these criteria.

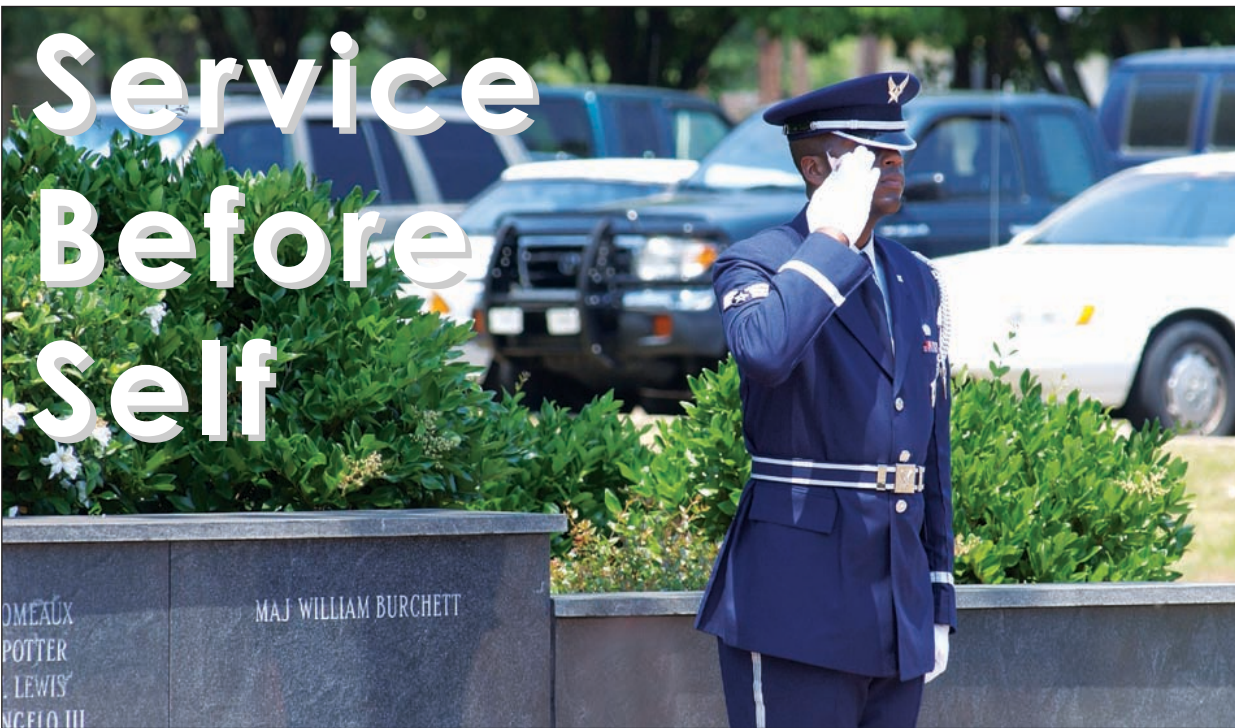
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Officials release latest version of proposed Air Force utility uniform.

Service Before Self



Honor guardsman Senior Airman Jon-Michael Bridgeman, 14th Services Division, salutes during a Memorial Day remembrance ceremony May 27. During the ceremony, the name of fallen former T-37 first assignment instructor pilot, Maj. William Burchett, was unveiled on the marble memorial wall at the Ceremonial Plaza during the ceremony. Major Burchett was killed during a training mission over the Indiana and Illinois border May 17, 2004.

MPF changes hours of operation

Based on a reduction in manpower throughout the Air Force personnel career field, the Columbus AFB Military Personnel Flight will now be closed from noon to 4:30 p.m. every Thursday. “During this time, MPF personnel will process military personnel transactions that have not yet been approved for virtual processing by members through the virtual MPF,” said Senior Master Sgt. Cristi Bowes, 14th Mission Support Squadron MPF superintendent. The Air Force’s changing vision of customer service transformation and personnel service delivery will cause a reduction of 1,500 personnel career field slots Air Force-wide between October 2005 and October 2009. Current personnel manning for the Air Force is at or below 70 percent. The new MPF hours of operation are: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Thursdays. For emergency services from noon to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, BLAZE TEAM members should have their squadron commander or first sergeant contact Maj. Craig Peltz at Ext. 2611 or Sergeant Bowes at Ext. 2643. *(Courtesy of the 14th MSS)*

Columbus AFB Training Timeline											
PHASE II				PHASE III				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (06-03)	3.87 days	-1.14 days	June 3	48th (05-10)	0.04 days	-0.89 days	June 10	T-37	144	41	19,961
41st (06-02)	1.92 days	0.73 days	June 28	50th (05-10)	0.86 days	0.43 days	June 10	T-38C	59	58	10,051
								T-1A	54	51	8,985
Graduation speaker: Lt. Gen. John Regni, Air University commander											

Bright future



Nineteen-year-old Sydney Shepherd (center) was the 2005 recipient of the \$1,500 Defense Commissary Agency Scholarship for Military Children, which was administered by Fisher House and sponsored by Kraft. Ms. Shepherd will study sign language interpretation at Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn. Also pictured are (from left to right) James Dowdy, Kraft store representative, Paula Lewis, commissary store director, Col. Keith Keck, 14th Mission Support Group commander, and Herbert Winchester Jr., DeCA Zone 1 manager.

Emergency records complete paperless transition

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — After decades of Airmen updating emergency contact information in their personnel records, everyone is now required to update the information online from home or work rather than visiting their military personnel flights. Effective immediately MPFs are no longer required to print and file a paper copy of the Virtual Record of Emergency Data, or vRED, form in each Airman’s personnel records. The paperless form provides the Air Force with information needed to contact family members if an Airman suffers a serious illness or injury, or dies while on active duty. The vRED, which replaced the “DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data” in 2003, is required to be kept updated by each individual. Now the only way to update an Airman’s emergency data is by visiting the virtual MPF online. Airmen who do not have access to a vMPF account, such as new accessions or basic trainees, must still complete a DD Form 93 until they establish an online account, said Maj. Yancey Cowen, chief of the casualty services branch at the Air Force Personnel Center here. Airmen are required to keep their vREDs current at all times and review their contact data at least annually, according to Major Cowen. Also, every Airman must review their vRED during in-processing and prior to all deployments. “Accurate and current family contact information can prevent delays in notifications and perhaps benefits for Airmen and family members,” Major Cowen said. Personnel officials encourage all active-duty, Guard and Reserve members to update their information every six months. Civil service employees are also encouraged to update their virtual Emergency Data System contact information as needed for the same reasons. Both online applications take about 15 minutes to complete, and ask questions such as who are the relatives who should be contacted and what are their addresses. For more information, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/ to log into vMPF or to establish an account.

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As of press time, 24 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.

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Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
The Air Force utility uniform's revised colors include tan, blue and two shades of green in a pixilated tiger-stripe pattern.

AF finalizes new utility uniform

Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Blue and green tiger stripes are out; the digitized pattern with subdued green, tan, blue and gray is in.

After reviewing more than 150,000 bits of feedback throughout the initial seven-month wear test of the proposed utility uniform, Air Force leaders recently decided to eliminate the original color scheme and conduct a limited field test of the new pattern.

Special operations and survival, evasion, resistance and escape Airmen will conduct a limited wear test of the new design at Eglin AFB, Fla., Hurlburt Field, Fla., and Fairchild AFB, Wash., in June.

“The sole purpose of the test will

be to see if we can add any features to the uniform to make it a better uniform in the field and to determine if the new colors (and) pattern provide camouflage protection they need in the field,” said Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos, Air Force uniform board superintendent.

Airmen who participated in the initial wear test stopped wearing the more vibrant blue-green uniform March 1.

The original wear test involved more than 700 Airmen at 32 bases worldwide who kept detailed daily logs annotating likes, dislikes and wash-and-wear problems. They also completed three surveys.

“Throughout the test, Air Force leaders actively solicited feedback from testers and observers alike to

ensure this uniform developed into one that fit the needs of today’s Airmen,” Sergeant Athnos said.

“There were several avenues for feedback, ensuring that the (Air Force) chief of staff had realistic facts when making the final decision on the uniform,” she said.

Those avenues included a survey sent to 45,000 Airmen, a Web site and direct e-mail to the uniform board.

“Some comments were positive, some were negative — all of them were provided directly to the chief of staff,” Sergeant Athnos said.

The uniform is scheduled to be procured in mid-2005, officials said. Airmen can expect to purchase the uniform sometime in fiscal 2007. The proposed uniform will be phased in over four or five years.

ANG leaders focus on BRAC

Army Master Sgt. Bob Haskell
National Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va. — Air National Guard leaders are urging citizen Airmen nationwide to remain focused on their missions while they and others consider the organization’s future during this year’s Base Realignment and Closure process.

Lt. Gen. Daniel James III, ANG director, and Chief Master Sgt. Richard Smith, ANG command chief master sergeant, are looking at BRAC from a pragmatic perspective on behalf of the organization’s more than 106,000 guardsmen. Some Guard units may have to take on different missions, General James said. But the force will not be reduced because “BRAC only affects infrastructure. It doesn’t eliminate people, missions and jobs,” he said.

“The harsh reality is that the Air Force will be buying considerably less force structure — airplanes — than we now fly,” General James said. “That means we

may close units, combine units or share airplanes. We expect to do some of each.”

Seven states would have no Guard flying units if the BRAC Commission, President Bush and Congress accept the Pentagon’s proposals, the general said.

The Defense Department is still configured for the Cold War that ended about 15 years ago and that it must change to accommodate “the new demands of the war against extremism and other evolving challenges,” defense officials said.

The four previous BRAC rounds eliminated about 21 percent of excess U.S. military infrastructure and reallocated billions of dollars to pressing military needs, officials said. If approved, this year’s recommendations should result in a net savings of \$48.8 billion over the next 20 years.

While acknowledging that Defense Department recommendations could affect 30 Guard flying units with closures or realignments, General James

said this is only the opening round and that “if your flying mission is affected, I will do everything I can to secure a future mission that is relevant and funded.”

The BRAC Commission will visit the affected facilities, conduct hearings, examine the service recommendations and make independent decisions about what to forward to the president for his approval by Sept. 8.

The president has until Sept. 23 to inform the commission and Congress if he approves the commission’s recommendations.

Congress then has 45 days to reject the entire list, or it becomes law.

“The Air Force of the future will be flying fewer airplanes, but there will be significant needs for other missions — intelligence, security police, space, medics, (unmanned aerial vehicles), air mobility divisions, expeditionary combat support, etc.,” General James said.

“I will work hard with the Air Force to see that each state is covered with appropriate missions which provide for both state and federal roles and the homeland security aspects of each, and I will dis-

tribute a transition plan as soon as possible,” he said.

“Overall, BRAC equals transformation,” Chief Smith said. “The Air National Guard is always changing. Change has been done by generations before, and now it’s our turn.”

Observing that any BRAC implementations would take place through 2011, Chief Smith said “the mission of the Air National Guard must go on. Our deployments, operational readiness inspections and training must continue. As senior (noncommissioned officers), we must have the mission first and our people always. Remember our people.

“This is not the same Air National Guard that we older members remember from 30-plus years ago,” he said. “And it will not be the same Air National Guard 30 years from now.”

“These are difficult times,” General James said. “They demand clear heads and hard work. Work with me, (and) I will work with you. Together we will assure a future for the Air National Guard with new missions in a new world.”

Precious metals

The Department of Defense needs your assistance in reducing operating costs. One way to help reduce costs is to check all expendable items for precious metals before throwing them away. For more information, contact your unit Precious Metals Recovery Program monitor or call wing PMRP managers David Gaddy at Ext. 7167 or Don Howard at Ext. 7170.

AFROTC needs assistant professors, commanders

Headquarters Air Education and Training Command recently announced projected vacancies and application procedures for summer of 2006 Air Force ROTC assistant professor of aerospace studies and detachment commander positions.

Assistant professor applicants must comply with all of the following eligibility criteria:

- Hold the rank of first lieutenant, captain or major. First lieutenants must have one year time in grade by Oct. 31, 2005 and three years of commissioned service.

- Be an Air Force line officer. This requirement is in compliance with the Air Force Chief of Staff-directed rated prioritization plan and Air Force assignment policy. The policy mandates maximum utilization of rated officers in rated billets, therefore rated officers are not eligible to apply.

- Have three years time on station by June 2006.
- Be in a mandatory move status during the summer of 2006.
- Have a May 2006 (or earlier) date of expected return from overseas.
- Have a superior performance record, to include no previous referral officer performance reports, referral comments or an unfavorable information file.
- Have a master’s degree, if applying for those universities requiring a master’s degree. No waivers will be issued for this requirement.

Detachment commander applicants must

comply with all of the following eligibility criteria:

- Hold the rank of lieutenant colonel or selected for lieutenant colonel as of Sept. 8, 2005

- Be an Air Force line officer.
- Have a minimum of three years retainability as of Aug. 1, 2006.
- Have a minimum of three years time on station as of June 2006.
- Be in a mandatory move status during the summer of 2006 or have a May 2006 (or earlier) date of expected return from overseas.
- Have a master’s degree.
- Have a superior performance record.
- Be released from the AFPC assignment team to compete.

ment team to compete.

- Deployment experience is highly desired.

Commander applicants may prioritize their desires for available vacancies, but officers approved by the board may be contacted about any vacancy.

All officers should not submit an application package until the Air Force Personnel Center notifies officers released to compete. Applicants will be considered in the Air Force ROTC process until Oct. 31. Officers not selected will be returned to their assignment teams Nov. 1.

For more information, call Ext. 2599 or visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/special_utilization. *(Courtesy of the 14th Mission Support Squadron)*

‘Chief’s View’ focuses on communication

Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A new television production featuring the chief master sergeant of the Air Force is providing an information venue for key Air Force issues to Airmen worldwide.

The one-minute segments, called “Chief’s View,” air globally on American Forces Radio and Television Service, the Pentagon Channel and are available through streaming video online at www.af.mil.

“We are excited to have another means to get messages out to Airmen throughout our Air Force,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray. “Communicating with our Airmen is one of the key responsibilities of the office of chief master sergeant of the Air Force.”

As operations tempo remains high, information flow is especially vital, he said.

“Whether deployed or at home station, our Airmen are working at a feverish pace,” Chief Murray said. “It’s important they understand what’s going on within our force. In the ‘Chief’s View,’ I’ll give it to them straight, and we’ll tackle very basic and even contentious issues. I want these messages to encourage communication within the chain of command and with peers.”

A new segment of “Chief’s View” will run every two weeks with messages ranging from timely issues to basic Air Force fundamentals.

This will be an important medium to let Airmen hear what their leaders are doing to address key issues facing today’s Air Force, Chief Murray said.

“We have great programming on our AFN and Pentagon channels, and I hope we can add to that,” he said. “I encourage everyone to check out these stations and watch for the ‘Chief’s View.’”

Myers: U.S. Military staying busy, but in good shape

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class John Guardiano
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. armed forces are in good shape, and servicemembers well understand and believe in what they are fighting for overseas, said Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Sunday.

“They know what this is all about in terms of this effort against violent extremism,” General Myers told Bob Schieffer on the CBS News program, “Face the Nation.”

“They’re proud of what they’re doing; they understand the importance of the mission. We see that in their cards and letters home, their e-mails home and their phone calls,” he said.

General Myers said he gave the commencement address to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., the previous day.

The 2005 Class entered the academy just before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center.

“They experienced the nation going to war, and 911 of them graduated yesterday,”

General Myers said. When “you look in their eyes, shake their hands, talk to them ... they understand what their purpose is, and what they must do for this country.”

All of the West Point graduates raised their “right hands and swore to defend and support the Constitution of this country,” General Myers said. “So I think the state of our military is very, very healthful — busy, very busy, but healthy.”

This is General Myers’ last year of formal military service. He steps down Sept. 30 after serving 40 years in the Air Force and four years as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“I am very thankful,” he told Chris Wallace on “Fox News Sunday.” “I’m proud to wear the uniform and proud to have served with some really great Americans.”

General Myers paid homage to U.S. servicemembers, both stateside and overseas, who are “defending our freedoms and our friends’ and allies’ freedom around the world.

“I’ll leave my position knowing that there’s a whole group of folks coming along that are dedicated to this country, to our freedoms, and to ensuring that those freedoms endure as long as they possibly can,” he said.

CGOC drive

The Columbus AFB Company Grade Officer Council sponsors a food, clothing a furniture drive through Tuesday. The food and clothing will benefit the Mark Mitchell Shelter in downtown Columbus for underprivileged children, and the furniture will be donated to the Airmen’s Attic. Collection bins for food and clothing are located in the main hallways of each squadron. To donate furniture, contact a squadron CGOC representative. For more information, call 1st Lt. Tywann Telfair at Ext. 7319.

DUI status

“Don’t Drink and Drive”
Last DUI: March 25, 2005
Days since last DUI: 63
Unit: 37th Flying Training Squadron



BLAZE TEAM — Live a life that leaves a legacy

Lt. Col. Stanley Spillers
14th Flying Training
Wing



The changing of the guards is a time-honored tradition in our nation's military. If you've ever visited Arlington National Cemetery, it is certainly an awe-inspiring moment. In some respects, I am nearing the time for my own changing of the guards.

As I approach the end of my Air Force career, I am proud and honored to have been counted among an elite group — the world's greatest Air Force. As I lay my uniform to rest, I am assured that I'll be leaving a more dignified force, full of vigor and fight.

Reflecting over my 20-plus years in the Air Force, I've been blessed to cross paths with some very sharp, professional warriors, both military and civilian. The privilege to serve my country and the opportunities it has afforded me have truly been a God send.

Those who wear the uniform have an awesome obligation to serve. In so doing, we adhere to the highest principles of Integrity first, Service before self and Excellence in all we do. As ministers of peace, our role is clear — a commitment to serve.

I recently completed "The Purpose Driven Life," a book series that discusses God's plan for its readers. My two wonderful friends, Lt. Col. Mike Goolsby and Maj. Allen Gwartney, and I made a commitment to complete the study — and wow! I'm so glad that we did, and now I'm even more attuned to knowing what is most important in my life.

In the book, author Rick Warren challenges readers to look deep within themselves to determine what they want to do with their lives — impress or influence. It's the latter that will have the most lasting impact.

Influence denotes leading, serving and mentoring. Regardless of our positions,

we each have opportunities to invest into the lives of other individuals, and positively impact and make changes to improve processes within our respective organizations.

During the recent Operational Readiness Inspection, the BLAZE TEAM certainly proved that we are trend setters in every respect throughout Air Education and Training Command and the Air Force.

Now that the ORI team has come and gone, I challenge each of us to not rest on our laurels, but to continue to seek ways to make a difference. You might not have to look terribly far.

Your fellow wingman may have some need. Take time to listen and mentor. Positive ORI results are truly outstanding accomplishments in themselves.

However, the most important accomplishments are eternal.

Realizing that our life is but a vapor — here today and gone tomorrow —

consider what you most want your life to be remembered for. The highest call is to live a life that leaves a legacy. Make it your mission to influence and not impress.

Throughout my career, I've been so fortunate to have such awesome mentors. I am honored that one such mentor, retired Col. Jerry Clearman, will officiate my retirement ceremony.

This will more than likely be the last article I pen before my retirement in August. All praise to God, my wife Maj. Wanda Spillers, and my sons Elliot and Jeremiah for always being there for Dad. I proudly salute you all!

"Regardless of our positions, we each have opportunities to invest into the lives of other individuals, and positively impact and make changes to improve processes within our respective organizations."

way it organizes, trains and equips its Airmen in order to adapt to changing threats, political climate and technology. Unit reorganizations, force shaping and base closures may appear negative at first but, given time, the benefits shine through.

We must not only adapt quickly when a change occurs but also learn to see it coming. This is why companies that foresee the changing economic market and respond to it succeed, whereas companies that refuse to change ultimately fail.

The Air Force and major commands will continue to reorganize in order to better accomplish the mission. We need to look at the overall benefits that the change brings and do our part to ensure its implementation occurs as seamlessly as possible.

Embrace change with a positive attitude. Working together as a cohesive team will ensure our continued success as the world leader in air and space power.

Embrace change with positive attitude

Maj. Kevin Payne
435th Communications Squadron

RAMSTEIN AB, Germany — We've all heard the saying, "The only thing constant is change."

Despite the fact that change is always occurring around us, some people don't like change and often resist it as much as possible.

Resistance can easily evolve into negative behavior that affects performance. Even worse, negative behavior can become contagious and spread through a unit, affecting co-workers.

Adapting to change is essential for a unit to maintain high morale and to effectively accomplish the mission.

When I entered the Air Force in 1992 after the Cold War ended, a massive military manpower reduction was under way and large reorganizations were taking place. Thirteen years later, we easily can see that those changes to our force structure were necessary.

For example, integrating the Strategic Air Command and Tactical Air Command into the Air Combat Command was a smart move to better integrate combat operations. During that transition, however, there were many skeptics and a lot of uncertainty.

Unfortunately, it is hard to always embrace organizational change while it is occurring because most of us don't want to modify our work environment.

But, change happens. The Air Force must change the

Straight Talk Line

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential.

Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the BlazeWeb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.



We are all recruiters

Each Air Force member is an "ambassador in blue." Each person can make a difference in someone else's decision to join the Air Force.

❑ Get involved in youth programs, whether in high schools or through church and community organizations. Be a role model in your community.

❑ Take advantage of the Recruiter Assistance Program. Each member of the Air Force is authorized a permissive TDY home for up to 12 days to perform recruiting duties with the local recruiter once a year.

❑ Talk with others about what the Air Force has done for you and the successes you've had because you joined.

2005 hurricane season begins

Master Sgt. Orville Desjarlais Jr.
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Forty years may seem like a long time, but not long enough for people in Florida. The 2004 season was the first time since 1964 that Florida was slammed by four hurricanes in one season and caused \$1.7 billion in damage.

This year's hurricane season, which began June 1, may prove to be just as stormy.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration scientists predict a 70-percent chance of above-normal hurricane activity in the Atlantic region.

The outlook calls for 12 to 15 tropical storms, with seven to nine becoming full-fledged hurricanes and three to five bulking up to become major hurricanes. The threat of hurricanes in the Pacific is below normal, scientists said.

"Each year, from June through November, Americans living on the Eastern seaboard and along the Gulf of Mexico face an increased threat of hurricanes," President Bush said. "To prepare for the 2005 hurricane season, I urge all our citizens to become aware of the dangers of hurricanes and tropical storms and to learn how to minimize their destructive effects."

In 2004, many Airmen living in the Florida region assumed they were ready, but they were not prepared for the destruction that fell upon them.

Hurricane Ivan was the monster that wreaked the most havoc. It caused the evacuation of 20,000 neighboring Eglin Air Force Base Airmen, civilian employees and their families before it struck Sept. 14.



Hurricane Ivan severely damaged the community center beach house at Eglin AFB, Fla. The beach house provides beach access for servicemembers and their families.

David Kidd

Immediately after the storm, base officials used jet skis to assess damage throughout portions of an off-base housing area. Ivan's 90-mph winds stirred up a storm surge that flooded much of that housing area's waterfront property and left 200 off-base families homeless, like Maj. Joseph Siedlarz.

While he stood next to his 48-inch television, which had floated outside his living room and come to rest in a field next to his home, Major Siedlarz said water got so deep in his house that his friend launched a kayak from his kitchen.

"I learned that material things don't really matter," said the major, who works at Air Force Special Operation Command Headquarters at Hurlburt Field, Fla. "But you can't replace photos or family videos, so I suggest everyone take special care of those items."

Tech. Sgt. Diane Thomas, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the personnel and family readiness section of the family support center, said the storm opened her eyes. The arrival of Hurricane Ivan was the first time she was activated as a member of a family assistance center, which is a team of people who can help hurricane victims during their times of need. The team consists of chaplains, housing and lodging officials, Red Cross volunteers, an Air Force Aide Society representative, finance and legal specialists and the family support center staff.

"The number of people who visited our (center) was overwhelming," Sergeant Thomas said. "We had 500 spouses left behind by their (military) spouses who deployed to the war. They were expected to put up the plywood themselves and fill

Grace Mangold, 16 months old at the time, looks away from a pile of debris that once was the contents of her home. Maj. Charles Mangold visited the site with his daughter just a few days after Hurricane Ivan slammed into this coastal community near Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Maj. Alex Carothers

out a travel voucher for the first time in their lives."

In the three weeks after Hurricane Ivan, center officials estimated they had helped about 5,000 people.

For Ivan alone, Hurlburt officials estimated the damage to be \$52 million. Eglin officials guessed it to be \$86.9 million. Fortunately, no one from either base was injured.

On a beach on Passage Key Island, Fla., beachcombers found a World War II-era bomb that was washed ashore by one of the hurricanes. Airman 1st Class Ed Howell, an explosive ordnance disposal specialist from MacDill AFB, Fla., placed a charge on it and destroyed it Oct. 13.

There was a ray of hope among all the destruction. An aircrew from the Air Force Reserve Command's 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron at Keesler AFB,

Miss., flew 15 times into Hurricanes Ivan and Jeanne and tested a new weather radar system. They flew a WC-130J Hercules, a modified version of a C-130, which bucked 155 mph winds and flew straight into the eye of hurricanes to gather critical information about active storms.

At the time, the C-130J's weather radar could not penetrate the high-density rain fields characteristic of hurricane conditions, said Maj. Clifton Janney, 418th Flight Test Squadron project pilot and WC-130 flight commander.

"This weather avoidance radar operates outside the hurricane and looks in," he said

Once tests are complete, experts hope to better predict hurricane paths and speed. (Some information gathered from base newspapers and Air Force Materiel Command News Service.)

'Wizard of Oz' auditions scheduled for June 13

Pam Wickham
14th Services Division

Open group auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "The Wizard of Oz" are at 10 a.m. June 13 at the youth center.

Students in kindergarten through 12th grades are welcome to audition.

Approximately 50 cast members are needed, and no advance preparation is necessary.

The Missoula Children's Theatre International Touring Project is the largest touring children's theatre program in the United States.

Its mission is to develop children's life skills through participation in the performing arts.

This year's play is an updated version of the classic fairy tale "The Wizard of Oz."

Each production is complete with professionally designed scenery, costumes, props and makeup, as

well as sound and lighting equipment.

"This program has proven that children who participate do better in school, have a greater rapport with teachers, classmates and even family members," said Rose Lime, youth center director.

Cast members will rehearse for about four hours each day including the day of the show, scheduled for 3 p.m. June 18 at the youth center.

The youth center offers other camps throughout the summer.

A photography camp is June 6 through June 10, Spanish camp is June 20 through June 24, art camp is June 20 through June 24, baton camp is June 21 through June 30, and a space and rocketry science adventure camp is June 27 through June 30.

Computer, creative writing and cheerleading camps are also available during July. For more information, call the youth center at Ext. 2504.



Athena Brimer

Nine-year-old Ricky Hackler practices for the 2004 Missoula Children's Theatre production of "The Frog Prince" as fellow cast members look on.

14th SVS offers recreational pastimes for whole family

Summer reading program: Children entering first through sixth grades can register for the base library summer reading program Sunday to June 11. The program's theme is "Share the treasure with Captain Book," and begins June 15. Participants will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. every Wednesday. Call Ext. 2934.

Columbus Club lunch buffets: The Columbus Club offers a different buffet Tuesday through Friday. Cost is \$5.95 for club members and \$7.95 for nonmembers. Tuesday features Mexican cuisine, Wednesday is country-style cooking, Thursday has an Italian flare and Fridays offer a tri-continental selection of German, Asian and New England seafood. Today's lunch will feature the a la carte menu only. Call Ext. 2490.

Give parents a break: The child development and youth centers offer this program from 5 to 11 p.m. June 11. The registration deadline is Wednesday. Call the child development center at Ext. 2479 or the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Family fun night and treasure hunt: A family fun night is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Columbus Club. Ages 5 and

younger will color pictures and ages 6 to 12 will complete a scavenger hunt for the chance to win treasures. Buffets for both adults and children will be available. Cost is \$6.95 for club members and \$9.95 for nonmembers. The children's buffet for ages 6 to 12 is \$3.95 for members and \$5.95 for nonmembers. Ages 5 and younger eat free. Call Ext. 2490.

Trip to Geyser Falls: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the Geyser Falls Water Park in Philadelphia, Miss., June 11. Cost is \$30 for club members and \$33 for nonmembers. Cost includes transportation and a ticket to the park. Call Ext. 7861.

Midnight rock and bowl: The bowling center offers midnight bowling from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and June 11. Patrons can rent one lane for up to six people for \$10 per hour, including shoe rental. Call Ext. 2426.

Bowl for the Stars and Strikes: Bowling center patrons will "get punched" for every game or large Coca-Cola purchased during this summer-long program. Customers who accumulate 10 punches on their punch cards will receive two free games of bowling, a free soda and will be entered into a monthly

drawing for a bowling ball. Call Ext. 2426.

Crafts classes: The arts and crafts center offers weekly classes for both adults and children. Upcoming adult classes include making a mosaic tray, a picnic carry-all and two different door hangings.

The youth classes feature bubble gum machine, a Father's Day gift, potato chip clips and two different wall hangings. Stop by the arts and crafts center to see a display of the upcoming projects. Call Ext. 7836.

Stained glass classes: The arts and crafts center offers these night-time classes for \$30 per person. Cost includes all supplies. Dates and exact times of classes will be determined by the class participants. Call Ext. 7836.

Father's Day brunch: The Columbus Club offers a Father's Day brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 19. Reservations are encouraged but not necessary. Cost is \$12.95 for club members and \$15.95 for nonmembers. Ages 6 to 12 eat for \$6.50 and ages 5 and younger eat free. Menu includes carved prime rib, barbecue brisket and chicken, corn on the cob, mashed potatoes with chicken gravy, baked beans, potato wedges, julienne vegetables, veggie tray,

assorted cheese and cracker tray, fruit tray, garden salad with assorted dressings, hot rolls, omelet and waffle station, bacon, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, sausage gravy, buttermilk biscuits, assorted homemade desserts and champagne. Call Ext. 2490.

Monte Carlo night: The Columbus Club hosts Monte Carlo night from 6 to 9 p.m. June 23 at the 14th Services Division Complex ballroom. Cost is \$10 for \$300 in chips for club members and \$15 for nonmembers. Re-buys are available until 8 p.m. An auction will begin at 9 p.m. Call Ext. 2490.

Auto hobby shop June specials: The auto hobby shop offers an oil change and tire rotation for \$25; or an oil change, tire rotation and balance for \$40 throughout June. For an appointment, call Ext. 7842.

Teen trip to Visionland: The youth center offers a trip to Birmingham, Ala., to visit Visionland June 15. The bus will leave at 8 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. The trip is open to ages 13 and older. Cost is \$37 for youth center members and \$42 for nonmembers. Registration at the youth center is required by June 12. Call Ext. 2504.

Movies

Today
"Amityville Horror"
(R, violence and terror, sexuality, language and brief drug use, 89 min.)
Starring: Jimmy Bennett and Ryan Reynolds.

Saturday
"A Lot Like Love"
(PG-13, sexual content, nudity and language, 107 min.)
Starring: Ashton Kutcher and Amanda Peet.

All movies are shown at 7 p.m. at the base theater, unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.cafb.services.com.

Chapel Schedule

Vacation Bible School

The chapel is currently holding registration for Columbus AFB's Vacation Bible School program, themed "Jerusalem Market Place." The program is for ages 4 through 12 and will run from 9 a.m. to noon June 6 through June 10 at the base chapel.

A bus will pick up children in base housing and at the youth center. The bus stops and pick-up schedule is as follows:

Magnolia 1	8:10 a.m.
Magnolia 2	8:15 a.m.
State 1	8:20 a.m.
State 2	8:30 a.m.
Capitol 1	8:40 a.m.
Capitol 2	8:45 a.m.
Capitol 3	8:50 a.m.
Youth Center	8:55 a.m.

Youth entering the seventh grade for the 2005-2006 school year can volunteer with approval. To register, volunteer or for more information, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:
10:45 a.m. — Combined service (Contemporary/Traditional)
For information about other services, call the base chapel at Ext. 2500.

Base Notes

SAT/ACT testing

The education center will administer the Scholastic Aptitude Test at 8 a.m. June 14 and the American College Test at 8 a.m.

June 21 for active-duty military members who need to take the exams for education advancement or service-related programs, such as a commissioning program. A limited number of exams is available, and personnel will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis after a need to take the exam has been verified. To sign up or for more information, call Ext. 2562.

Student spouses group

Past, present and future student spouses are invited to a Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club Student Spouses Group social at 2 p.m. June 14 at the base pool. The event provides spouses an opportunity to meet new people and build resources. Sign-ups are not required. For questions or more information, contact Veronica Lestina at (319) 931-0980 or veronickins@hotmail.com.

Family Support Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

Local employment

A workshop about employment opportunities with local businesses, the 14th Services Division and government applications is from 1 to 2 p.m. every Wednesday. Resumes and other job applications will also be discussed.

Smooth Move

A workshop for relocating families is from

10 a.m. to noon Tuesday. Military pay, legal, billeting, Tricare, traffic management office and housing issues will be discussed.

Positive thinking

"Make Every Day a Terrific Day," a video-based program to reduce stressors, is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. Participants learn how to start days positively, and deal with negative situations and behaviors. Registration is required by June 7.

Credit reports

Participants can learn how to obtain one free credit report from three major credit reporting agencies in the southeastern

United States and learn what to look for on a report at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Teens on the move

A workshop for teenagers about what to expect at a new installation, school and community is at 6 p.m. Thursday at the youth center. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Air Force Aid Society

The AFAS offers 24-hour emergency assistance. Possible aid includes interest-free loans, grants, car repairs and emergency travel. For more information, call the family support center.

Three times a lady



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez

Eight-year-olds Christen Green, Alta Allen and Meta Koene sing along to Avril Lavigne's "Happy Ending" during the youth center's karaoke hour Wednesday. For more information about the youth center's programs, call Ext. 2504.

Noon Tunes: Local musical artists will perform from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Trotter Convention Center Courtyard. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 328-6305.

Charity Poker Run on The River: The Columbus Marina for the Fourth Annual Charity Poker Run is Saturday at the marina on Wilkis-Wise Road in Columbus. Registration is \$60. Proceeds will benefit the YMCA Camp Henry Pratt. The Mardi Gras-themed event is limited to 208 participants. People are encouraged to register early. For more information, call 327-8450.

Garden Tours of Columbus: The Columbus Council of Garden Clubs will present Garden Tours at five local homes from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. today through Sunday.

Lunch will be served in the Lee Home. Tickets are \$15 per person including lunch and are available through Saturday by calling 328-6305 or 328-3970.

St. Jude Children's Hospital fundraiser: BLAZE TEAM members are invited to participate in the St. Jude Children's Hospital Stamp-A-Thon from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 11 at Franklin Academy Elementary, located at 501 3rd Ave. North in downtown Columbus. For a suggested donation of \$15, participants will make 5 hand-stamped projects and lunch will be provided. Registration is required by June 4. For more information or to sign up, call Heather Andrus at 434-5076.

JuneTeenth celebration: A JuneTeenth Festival celebrating the Emancipation Proclamation is June 17 and

June 18 at Sim Scott Park located at 902 20th Street North in downtown Columbus. The event is free and open to the public. Food, music, softball games, and activities for both children and senior citizens will be featured. For more information call 328-2491 or 329-5871.

Volunteers needed: The United Way of Lowndes County recently celebrated the grand opening of its Community Volunteer Center. BLAZE TEAM members can contact the center to learn of volunteer opportunities by calling the center at 549-4144, e-mailing Volunteercenter@unitedwaylowndescounty.org or visiting the center at 501 Seventh St. North, Plaza Building, Suite 4.

For more event listings, visit www.columbus-ms.org.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

IDEA

The Air Force Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program recognizes and rewards good ideas. Individuals, teams or groups can submit ideas on how the Air Force can accomplish something faster, better or cheaper at <https://ipds.mont.disa.mil>. People can save the Air Force money and earn cash rewards for their ideas. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rhonda Knipmeyer at Ext. 2354.

Air Force marathon slated for Sept. 17

Steve VanWert

Air Force Services Agency

SAN ANTONIO — Air Force Services officials will hold the ninth annual Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, on Sept. 17. The marathon will also include a half-marathon, wheelchair race, a four-person relay and a 5k race.

The deadline for registration is Sept. 2. The race is open to the public.

The course is a certified 26.2-mile run that starts and ends at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force and traverses historical places on Wright-Patterson, including the Air Force Institute of Technology, Air Force Materiel Command headquarters, the Wright-Patterson flightline and the Wright Brothers Memorial Monument.

Bill Rogers, a four-time winner of the Boston and New York City marathons and a member of the 1976 U.S. Olympic marathon team, along with Alberto Salazar, who set six U.S. records, a world record and won three consecutive New York marathons, will speak at a dinner at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force on Sept. 16 and participate in the races.

Registration fees are: marathon (individual), \$45; wheelchair, \$45; relay team, \$160 per team; half marathon, \$30 and the 5k, \$15. Tickets for the dinner can be paid for on the registration entry form and are \$12 per adult, \$6 per child ages 6 to 12, and free for children age 5 or younger.

Permissive temporary duty is authorized for this event.

The Air Force Marathon has been flying high for eight years, and Air Force Services Agency officials recently approved it as an official Air Force event. The marathon began in 1997 as Wright Patterson's tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Air Force. A record 3,500 people participated last year, while about 7,000 others volunteered or were spectators.

"Becoming the official Air Force Marathon brings credibility to it," said M. Scott Nunnelly, of the Air Force Services Agency.

The Air Force Marathon is already a qualifying race for the Boston Marathon.

For more information, people can visit the Air Force Marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil> or call (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823.

Shorts

Summer bowling league

The Stars and Strikes summer bowling league meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday to determine cost, prize fund, time and length of league play. The league will run for six to eight weeks and meet Tuesday nights. For more information, call Gilbert Shrieves at Ext. 2236.

Poker fun run

This fun run begins at 7 a.m. June 17 in front of the fitness center. Participants will pick up a card at each station and the person with the best poker hand is declared the winner. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Sonic Scramble

This four-person scramble golf tournament is June 18 and June 19 at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Two shifts are at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Entry is \$200 per team. Mulligans are \$40 per team, which allows each player one mulligan. Golf carts are reserved on a first come, first served basis and are \$15 per person for the weekend. Call Ext. 7932.

Adult Golf 101

A class about golf fundamentals is from 5 to 6 p.m. June 20 through July 1 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The class is limited to 20 people. Cost is \$20 per person and includes a hat, ditty bag, rule book, golf balls and a putter.

AFA golf tournament

The Golden Triangle Chapter of the Air Force Association sponsors its 17th Annual POW/MIA Golf Tournament June 25 at the Columbus Country Club with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$40 per player for the one-day, three-person scramble. Ladies and mixed teams are welcome.

Tournament prizes include round-trip airline tickets for the overall winners; and prizes for "flag events," such as longest putt and closest to the pin, will also be distributed. Participants who make a hole-in-one will win a vehicle from the Columbus Carl Hogan dealership.

Registration is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 25 at the Columbus Country Club Pro Shop. All proceeds from the tournament will support scholarships for enlisted active-duty personnel, Air Force ROTC cadets

Fitness 101



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez

Craig Hofmann, 14th Logistics Readiness Division, works out his quadriceps at the fitness center Wednesday. Fitness 101, a fundamental class about the proper use of exercise equipment, is from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the fitness center. Call Ext. 2772.

and aerospace education in Golden Triangle public schools. For more information, contact Dwain Stephens at 434-2645 or 240-4046; or e-mail dwain.s@lycos.com.

Sunfish Triathlon

The 19th Annual Sunfish Triathlon is July 9 at Lake Okatibbee outside of Meridian, Miss. Awards will be given to the top active-duty military finisher and the top military team for this year's event. For more information, visit www.meridianathletic.com.

Soccer balls for Iraq

The YMCA Board of Directors and Amory Kiwanis Club are currently collecting new or used soccer balls to send to Iraq. Some troops have discovered the children there enjoy soccer. Donations may be dropped off at the fitness and sports center. Call Ext. 2772.

Season swimming passes

Season passes for Independence Pool are on sale now at outdoor recreation. For more information, call Ext. 2507 or Ext. 2491.